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In re application of: Yoshikazu Kato et al.
Serial No. : 10/027,973
Filed : December 21, 2001
For : INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPARATUS
Group A.U. : ~~2818~~ 2175
Date : March 19, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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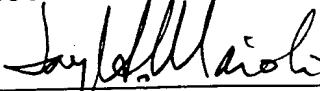
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.